

MINUTES ~ May 12, 2009
Ponaganset High School-Library

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregory Laramie, Chair of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee, called the meeting of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Ponaganset High School, Library.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Kecia Pierce called the roll. In attendance were Mr. Gregory Laramie of Glocester, Mr. Dennis Chretien of Foster, Mrs. Anne Ejnes of Glocester, Mr. Raymond Fogarty of Glocester and Mr. George Jacques of Glocester. Mr. Warren Ducharme of Foster joined the meeting at 6:33PM. Mrs. Julie Capobianco of Foster and Mr. Bill Abt of Foster were absent. Mr. Laramie noted that Mr. Abt would be joining the meeting later.

3. Financial Report

Ms. Sarah Hann reviewed the Treasurer's Report which committee members had received prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's summary report is attached as reference 1. Ms. Hann noted that on April 14th the second portion of the ESCO funds had been deposited into the new account. Mr. Fogarty moved and Mr. Jacques seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. So voted, 5-0.

4. Middle School Project Update

Mr. Grzyb reported that the landscaping is prepped and ready to go near the biomass area. He said the landscapers will start at the high school tomorrow then work on the middle school. Mr. Grzyb reported that YardWorks has re-slice seeded the soccer field.

Mr. Grzyb reported that they have made progress on Mr. Joe McGovern's punch list stating that the band doors have been delivered and installed and the elevator was done last week. He reported that the biggest issue now is to fix the sinks in the science rooms as some of them are catching. Mr. Grzyb said this work needs to be coordinated between the plumber and carpenter.

Mr. Chretien questioned whether there is an area where the speakers are not working. Mr. McGovern said that particular issue has been taken care of however there have been ongoing issues with other speakers.

Mrs. Ejnes asked for clarification on a rumor she heard about a mold issue in one of the sixth grade classrooms. Mr. Laramie said this is a steam cleaning issue and is on the ESCO punch list.

Mr. Fogarty noted his concern with the soccer field stating that there is no net to stop the balls from rolling out onto Rt. 102.

5. High School Project Update

Mr. Grzyb reported on the progress to date stating that work has been done on the upper cafeteria area, the floor patching has been done, the VCT will be done this week and the area should be cleared up by next week.

Dr. Barnes reported that he received a letter from Mr. Dennis Kafalas questioning whether the electronics room will be finished for use. Mr. Laramie reported that the committee had not authorized the re-tiling in that room because they did not know what was causing the water issue and he noted that the room sits over the old water well and is near the wetlands. Dr. Barnes stated that he and Mr. Kafalas are concerned with where the electronics room could be moved to as that room was designed specifically for electronics with the appropriate electrical outlets and eye wash station. Mr. Fogarty suggested that the room be tiled and prepared for use. Mr. Grzyb noted that the price would be \$2,500-\$3,000 to tile the room. Mr. McGovern noted that the room has been dry. Mr. Laramie asked Mr. Ziemba to work on the issue.

Mr. Grzyb reported that they are finishing up the science room on the upper level stating that the cabinets were put in this week, Delta is working on the plumbing and final cleaning and turnover is scheduled for May 22nd.

In response to Mr. Laramie's question of what is outstanding on the other science rooms, Mr. Grzyb reported that the gas valve installation has not been done. He stated that according to Delta the valve should be coming in next week then they will work to get the rooms complete. This work should be complete in two weeks.

Mr. Grzyb reported on the kitchen and cafeteria progress by stating that the painter has been finishing the walls, the floor prep has been done and installation will begin later this week, the divider wall has been installed and the ceiling grid will be done the end of next week though there will be a portion that they will need to hold off on due to the new duct work for the hood. When questioned about the timing of the hood work, Mr. Grzyb reported that the contract was issued to the sub yesterday, once the sub reviews and signs it they can move forward. He reported that the lead time is 6-8 weeks for the delivery of the equipment so delivery is expected for early July with another two weeks for installation. Mr. Grzyb stated that the work should be completed by the end of July. Mr. Fogarty voiced his concern with the timing of the cafeteria stating that they are six months behind schedule and he noted that the staff needs time to get moved in and test the equipment before September.

Mr. Grzyb reported that the new teacher's work area is the last phase to be completed and stated that they are finishing up on the heating coils, the grid is in, the solar tube is in, there is fire stopping that needs to be taken care of, the above ceiling inspections will be done this week and they need to do painting and clean up the room. This area is scheduled to be turned over between May 25th and May 29th. Mr. Laramie noted that this work is a month ahead of schedule.

Mr. Grzyb reported that the landscaper will be coming tomorrow for hydro seeding, they will get rid of the trailers by the end of the month, some fencing will be moved for a smaller construction area and the subs will start to remove their storage containers. Mr. Fogarty asked that the area be cleaned up for the open house. Dr. Barnes reported that they would like to have the open house on June 9th noting that this is the date for the next building committee meeting. Mr. Laramie said the date would not be an issue.

Mr. Fogarty asked about the draining near the back of the biomass saying there was a big puddle. Mr. Grzyb reported that there is a catch basin to the left of the biomass in the lawn area, the landscaper will move the soil to redirect the water to the catch basin.

Mr. Grzyb reported that they are having difficulty with the supplier regarding the library lighting. Mr. Laramie explained that the lighting was designed in a certain way which was shown on the submittals but the supplier delivered something different and the lights were rejected. Mr. Grzyb noted that Aladdin the electrical contractor and HV Collins are on the same page they just need to get the supplier to provide what was required. Mr. Grzyb informed the committee that he has sent a letter to Aladdin stating that they want the sensors and light fixtures by Friday and installed by the end of the month. Mr. Grzyb noted that these occupancy sensors are critical because it affects the balancing as well.

Mr. Grzyb reported that he has received the shop drawings for the North building auxiliary gym windows. There will be a 6-8 week lead time to get the panels on site then the installation will take about a week and a half.

Mr. Grzyb reported that they have provided an estimate for the energy lab and work will be done on that this summer. Regarding the wrestling room he reported that pricing is coming in from the subs.

Mr. Grzyb reported that the punch list items were taken care of for the North building and he explained that Mr. Ziemba and his team went through the North building for verification and noted that there were several items which were not complete. HV Collins will go through and do another verification this week before having Aharonian come out again. Mr. Fogarty noted that by the next meeting on the 9th, he would like a copy of the punch list.

Mr. Fogarty reported that the second flat screen TV has been found but questioned why it is not up in the gym. Mr. McGovern stated that he will find the TV and install it.

Mr. Fogarty noted that everyone has been working hard the past couple of months and a lot of work has been done. He reported that there have been a lot of positive comments from the community and other communities as well. He thanked Mr. Grzyb and Mr. Ziemba for their work. Mrs. Lorraine O'Connors reported that during the Ponaganset Educational Foundation meeting one board member, a Ponaganset alumni and some of her classmates toured the building and they were enthusiastic about how beautiful it is.

Mr. Fogarty thanked the school committee for ratifying the building committee's recommendation for naming the gymnasium.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ducharme moved and Mr. Fogarty seconded to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2009 regular and executive session meetings. So voted, 5-0-1 with Mr. Chretien abstaining as he was not at the April meeting.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Chretien moved and Mr. Ducharme seconded to convene to Executive Session in accordance with RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (2) Litigation and Potential Litigation and 42-46-5(a) (7) Investment of Public Funds. So voted, 6-0.

Mr. Laramie asked attorney Gregory Piccirilli, Dr. Barnes and Ms. Hann to stay for the executive session.

8. Reconvene to Open Session

Mr. Laramie reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:15PM.

During executive session, Mr. Abt joined the meeting at 7:20PM and Mr. Chretien left the meeting at 8:10PM.

Mr. Ducharme moved and Mrs. Ejnes seconded to seal the minutes of the May 12, 2009 executive session. So voted, 6-0.

Mr. Laramie reported that during executive session there were general discussions of legal and financial issues and no votes were taken during executive session other than the vote to reconvene to open session.

Mr. Fogarty reported that he has done a preliminary demographic analysis and noted that there has been a 281% increase in enrollment from 1960-2004. Enrollment has decreased by 12% from 2004-2009 and should go back up again in 2016. He reported that demographically the project is on target and noted that the school has not been overbuilt and he will have the demographics to back that up.

9. Adjournment

Mrs. Ejnes moved and Mr. Ducharme seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 PM. So voted, 6-0.

Prepared by: Kecia Pierce, Building Committee Clerk

Approved by: Foster Gloucester Building Committee, July 14, 2009